

*CLAIM AMENDMENTS*

Claims 1 and 2 (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The An egg yolk separator as claimed in claim 2 comprising:~~

a strainer having a portion for retaining an egg yolk and apertures for straining egg white therefrom; and

a pair of supports extending in opposite directions from the strainer for resting on opposite sides of an opening of a vessel, for locating the separator on the vessel, a first support of the pair of supports being extendable and retractable in length such that overall length of the separator is adjustable to suit the opening of the vessel, wherein

the first support has a first section connected to the strainer and a second section slidably engaged, lengthwise, with the first section, and

the second section comprises a sleeve surrounding the first section such that the first and second sections ~~inter engage in a telescopic manner~~ telescope.

4. (Currently Amended) The egg yolk separator as claimed in ~~claim 2~~ 3, wherein the first support includes frictional engaging means located between the first and the second sections for holding the first and second sections at a selected length.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The An egg yolk separator as claimed in claim 4 comprising:~~

a strainer having a portion for retaining an egg yolk and apertures for straining egg white therefrom; and

a pair of supports extending in opposite directions from the strainer for resting on opposite sides of an opening of a vessel, for locating the separator on the vessel, a first support of the pair of supports being extendable and retractable in length such that overall length of the separator is adjustable to suit the opening of the vessel, wherein

the first support has a first section connected to the strainer and a second section slidably engaged, lengthwise, with the first section, and

the frictional engaging means comprises at least one resiliently deformable protrusion and a co-operating track located at the first and second sections, the protrusion slidably bearing upon the track by resilient deformation.

6. (Currently Amended) The egg yolk separator as claimed in claim 5, wherein the second section comprises a sleeve surrounding the first section such that the first and second sections ~~are inter engaged in a telescopic manner telescope~~, the first section including the protrusion and the second section including the track.

7. (Previously Presented) The egg yolk separator as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first section includes two protrusions on opposite outer sides of the first section, bearing resiliently against respective tracks located internally in the second section.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The An~~ egg yolk separator ~~as claimed in claim 4 comprising:~~

a strainer having a portion for retaining an egg yolk and apertures for straining egg white therefrom; and

a pair of supports extending in opposite directions from the strainer for resting on opposite sides of an opening of a vessel, for locating the separator on the vessel, a first support of the pair of supports being extendable and retractable in length such that overall length of the separator is adjustable to suit the opening of the vessel, wherein

the first support has a first section connected to the strainer and a second section slidably engaged, lengthwise, with the first section, and

the frictional engaging means comprises a resiliently supported protrusion and a co-operating groove located at the first and second sections, the protrusion slidably and resiliently bearing on a wall of the groove.

9. (Currently Amended) The egg yolk separator as claimed in claim 8, wherein the second section comprises a sleeve surrounding the first section such that the first and second sections ~~are inter engaged in a telescopic manner telescope~~, the first section including the groove and the second section including the protrusion.

10. (Previously Presented) The egg yolk separator as claimed in claim 9, wherein the groove has two relatively deeper parts at opposite ends, the protrusion being engageable with each of the deeper parts.